

**New Jersey State Board of Education
Minutes of the Meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Education
In the Conference Room on the First Floor
100 River View Executive Plaza
Trenton, NJ**

November 1, 2017

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Kimberley Harrington, Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM

ABSENT

Dr. Ronald Butcher
Mrs. Mary Beth Berry
Ms. Edythe Fulton
Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Gazi
Mrs. Kathy Goldenberg
Dr. Nedd J. Johnson
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Dr. Joseph L. Ricca
Mrs. Sylvia Sylvia

CONVENING

State Board of Education President Arcelio Aponte convened the public meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the reading of the statement pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

The Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House Press Corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers.

And seeing there was a quorum, the meeting of November 1, 2017, was called to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Aponte then read the resolution pertaining to the executive session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The State Board immediately adjourned to executive session on November 1, 2017.

RECONVENING

State Board President Arcelio Aponte reconvened the open meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the resumption of the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b, the State Board will now adjourn from executive session to resume the open session of this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Aponte led a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the recent violence in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board members approved the minutes of the public meetings conducted on October 4, 2017. State Board members Arcelio Aponte and Joseph Ricca abstained.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announcements

Public Testimony

President Aponte stated public testimony would not be held today at 2 pm as no one registered to speak. He also stated that the State Board would not be holding a public testimony session on December 6, 2017. He further stated that the State Board would accept written testimony on the readoption with amendment to N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessment.

Permanent Student Representative

President Aponte welcomed Karan Chauhan the 2017-2018 permanent student representative to the State Board of Education. Karan Chauhan is a senior from Parsippany Troy-Hills High School in Morris County. Karan spoke to the State Board about preparing all students for the future by working toward increasing computer science literacy in our schools.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Lighthouse Initiative

Commissioner Harrington presented to the State Board seven Lighthouse Districts that have achieved academic growth in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics with diverse student groups. She stated that the Lighthouse Districts have demonstrated student academic progress as a result of setting high academic standards, using assessment data to identify each and every student's needs, and working tirelessly to provide the necessary educational supports.

The seven school districts recognized as Lighthouse Districts include: Mainland Regional, Atlantic County; Beverly City, Burlington County; Black Horse Pike, Camden County; Cape May City, Cape May County; Highlands, Monmouth County; Mine Hill Township, Morris County; and Washington Township, Warren County.

State of New Jersey's English Language Learners (ELLs) Report

The State Board tabled this item due to time constraints.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**Items scheduled for a vote are marked with an asterisk.*

***A. Appointment(s)**

- There were no appointments.

***B. Certification of School Districts**

- There were no school districts for certification.

***C. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts**

- Adopted the sunset readoption with amendments pertaining to the Quality Single Accountability Continuum regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:30 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 et seq. and 18A:4-15. State Board members Ronald Butcher, Edithe Fulton, Joseph Ricca and Sylvia Sylvia opposed. State Board member Mary Beth Berry abstained.

***D. Programs to Support Student Development**

- Adopted the amendments to Chapter 16 pertaining to anti-bullying pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-15 and 18A:37-15 and 21 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7. State Board member Joseph Ricca abstained.

***E. Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf**

- Adopted the sunset readoption with amendments of the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:21, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:61-2 and 18A:4-15.

***F. Career and Technical Education**

- Adopted the amendments pertaining to Private Career Schools at N.J.A.C. 6A:19-7, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.2, 18A:59-5 and 18A:4-15.

G. Standards and Assessment

- Discussed the sunset readoption with amendments at Chapter 8, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-10 through 14, 18A:7C-1 et seq., 18A:7E-2 through 5, 18A:35-4.2 and 4.7, 18A:59-5 and 18A:4-15.

WORK SESSION

There was no work session.

NEW BUSINESS

President Aponte stated that the State Board would like to hold an additional public meeting via teleconference call each month to address items currently under consideration. The State Board members agreed to meet via teleconference one week prior to the monthly public business meeting and directed the State Board office to prepare a schedule and proper meeting notice.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board of Education adjourned its November 1, 2017, public meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Kimberley Harrington, Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education